



Sunday, April 24, 2016

Worship 9:00 am

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Worship Plan for Sunday, April 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may stand as able and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

A: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

A: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 389

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *Great Jubilation! Rejoice!***FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’

¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced.

And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 148

A: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

C: ²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

A: ³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

C: ⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

A: ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

C: ⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

A: ⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

C: ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;**

A: ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

C: ¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

A: ¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

C: ¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**

A: ¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over
earth and heaven.

C: ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are
near the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, pre-

pared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 367

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds

The assembly stands as able

CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, by your Holy Spirit reveal to us the saving work of Christ. Strengthen your church with the good news that leads to limitless life for all...

A: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: ...We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

After sharing a sign of peace, the assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as able to sing the offertory

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

The assembly is seated

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

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SHARING COMMUNION AROUND THE ALTAR

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. You may kneel at the railing or stand. Take the bread and eat. Take the cup (wine is purple, grape juice is yellow) and drink. Keep the cup and place in bowl the provided through the side exit as you leave the altar and walk back to your pew. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 452

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 462

Now We Join in Celebration

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands as able

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

~Worship Leaders~

Pastor ~ Pastor Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Holly Loomis **Lector** ~ Elizabeth Kaashagen

Acolyte ~ Cody Georgeson & Emma Nottestad

Greeter ~ Jocie Georgeson

Ushers ~ Carole Kenseth, Kitty Epperson,
Jane Furseth & Carolyn Lien

Communion Set up and Take down ~ Jean Carlson & Hilary Terland

Communion Assistants ~ Carole Kenseth & Vicki Schuh

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Musician ~ Judy Rusch **Choir Director** ~ Vicki Schuh

Fellowship Coffee Hour ~ Peace Circle

Nursery ~ Jenna Christensen

Church Lock-up ~ Judy Rusch

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Worship

10:00am Coffee Hour hosted by Peace Circle

10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

9:00am Staff Meeting

10:00am Prayers for our people

10:30am-1:30pm Pastor's office hours

11:00am Adult Bible Study

7:15pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

6:00pm Confirmation

7:00pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, April 28, 2016

9:00am Newsletter Assembly VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

9:00am Text Study

11:00am Pastor's Clergy Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Synod Assembly WI Dells April 30-May1

Sunday, May 1, 2016

9:00am Youth Sunday Worship

10:00am Brunch hosted by Youth

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday.

Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested.

*Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of John and Amy Lindstrom.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Diane Nelson	-Christy Anderson	-Dennis & Mary Hareid
-Amie Broeniman	-Emma Broeniman	-June Lehr
-Ron Buser	-Allison Moc	-Johnnie Jacobson
-Julia Radloff	-Griffin Clark	-Rev. Stan Christensen
-Harriet Eikland	- Lois Bendall	-Dan Woodstock
-Nancy Walheim*		

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty, Eric Killen, Matthew Killen, Zach Hromatko, Joe Janness. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

Attendance Report for: last Sunday, April 17: 123

Sunday, April 10: 75

Sunday, April 3, 2016: 96

9am Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016: 160

Easter Sunrise, March 27, 2016: 46

~Announcements~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW (cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

Sign up for Pastor Brenda to visit you! Pastor would like to visit you at home or at work if you would like a visit. In the narthex, you will find a clipboard sign up sheet for visits from Pastor Brenda. Please sign up and she will contact you to arrange a time to visit. Thank you!

Bible Study on James has begun! Due to popular demand we are beginning a weekly Bible study! The first book we will study is James. We'll meet on Tuesdays at 11:00am beginning and another group will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm . The same study will be on both Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings to provide opportunity for people available during day or night to attend. Join us!

Habitat for Humanity Stewardship is seeking donations for the Habitat for Humanity Summer Faith Build project! Donations can be enclosed in special envelopes provided in the Narthex. Simply drop these envelopes in the offering plate or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please indicate on the check memo line that it is for the Habitat Home! Habitat for Humanity Site Blessing will be May 11.

Weekly Offerings Report		
	100% Budget April	April Offerings to Date
4/17/16 Offerings	Goal to meet Budget	
\$ 2,982.00	\$ 20,126.64	\$ 10,213.00

